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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 20, 2004, please amend this application as indicated on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 15 are independent claims. Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 15-23, 25, 29-37, 39 and 40 were rejected. Claims 10, 13, 14, 24, 27, 28, 38, 41 and 42 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 and to include all of the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 15 are currently amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Office rejected claims 1-6, 11-12, 15-20, 25-26, 29-34 and 39-40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Yu. Yu teaches a policy engine with a stream classification